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INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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SUBJECT: ADEN REPORTS VERDICTS IN ITT "SPY" CASE

REF: BEIRUT 9088 AUGUST 1973 SENT DEPT. INFO JIDDA

1. RADIO ADEN REPORTED VERDICTS EVENING AUG 4 OF NINE INDIVIDUALS TRIED BY SUPREME COURT ON ESPIONAGE CHARGES. ALTHOUGH DETAILS SKIMPY, APPEARS NO AMERICANS INVOLVED. HOWEVER, ITT LOCAL EMPLOYEE MINKARA (LEBANESE NATIONAL) APPARENTLY AMONG THOSE TRIED. TWO PRISONERS ACQUITTED BY COURT AND REMAINING SEVEN (INCLUDING MINKARA) SENTENCED FROM 5 TO 12 YEARS IN PCDSO.

2. COMMENT: AS NO NAME ACTUALLY MENTIONED IN BROADCAST, EMBASSY ONLY ASSUMES ITT EMPLOYEE REFERRED TO IS LEBANESE NATIONAL DISCUSSED REFTEL. CASE UNUSUAL IN THAT TRIED BY SUPREME COURT RATHER THAN STATE SECURITY COURT. ACCORDING TO REPORTS HERE, DEFENDANTS PERMITTED LEGAL COUNSEL AND JURY DECIDED CASE. ONE OF THOSE ACQUITTED NAMED ABD AL-AZIBI ABD AL-BAGP. BROTHER MA'TUQ ABD AL-BARI WORKED FOR LEADING YAR IMPORTER AND, MOST RECENTLY, FOR SHELL'S SANA OFFICE. MA'TUQ ARRESTED BY YARG AUTHORITIES ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO ON CHARGES OF PASSING SEISMOLOGICAL DATA

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AND OTHER INFO RELATED TO SHELL'S ON-GOING YAR EXPLORATIONS

TO PDRY AUTHORITIES. ACT VIEWED AT TIME AS  
ATTEMPT TO GAIN ACQUITTAL VERDICT FOR BROTHER. MATUQ  
STILL IN JAIN YAR AND HAS NOT BEEN BROUGHT TO TRIAL.  
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